

Draft Rain Barrel Specifications

Background Note: Although not always part of a specification, background information is included for those unfamiliar with rain barrels.

Barrels have been used for centuries to collect and store rainwater for later use. The use of rain barrels almost disappeared as our country became more urbanized and cities built water distribution systems. But recent environmental awareness has led to a resurgence in the use of barrels to collect rainwater. Not only do they reduce the amount of water a city has to supply, it also reduces the cost to treat the water before and after it is used.

On May 18, 2011, the Board approved the use of rain barrels within Parkfairfax to try and reduce the Association's water bill. There are restrictions to this use as noted in this specification below.

All residents wanting to install a rain barrel shall follow the policy as detailed below in these specifications. Each rain barrel will be fed by a diverter from existing downspouts; each diverter must be installed by Parkfairfax staff.

1. General policy:

- A. The unit owner shall submit a routine permit as described below. The permit must be approved before the work order is generated to install the automatic diverter.
- B. Rain barrels that are visible from the street or located in the front of the buildings must use camouflage that is approved from the Covenants Committee. Downspouts in the back of the building that are not visible from the street will be allowed to have a diverter installed for a rain barrel.
- C. Only a unit directly next to the downspout at ground level will be allowed to request a diverter installation for a rain barrel. No upstairs unit will be allowed to request a diverter where the barrel would sit on someone else's patio or common area.
- D. Barrels will be located against the wall adjacent to the downspout, not located in front of the downspout or encroach on a neighbor's patio area.
- E. Where a downspout is located between two units (such as two Lincoln models or two Washington models), each unit may have a single barrel connected to its side of the diverter. After a resident has established a track record (at least a year long) of following these specifications and permit requirements, he may apply to connect a second barrel in series to his first one.
- F. Where a second resident wants to attach a rainbarrel to an existing diverter (originally installed for their neighbor on a shared downspout), the second resident will also have to submit a routine permit application.
- G. Where barrels are not functional or they are damaging the common area due to broken parts, persistent leakage next to the foundation, etc., the Covenants Director will notify the resident of the problem. If the problem is not remedied within a reasonable time, as determined by the Covenants Director, the staff will confiscate the barrel and the permit shall be revoked. Typically the Covenants Director will allow 30 days for the resident

to correct the problem unless the violation is judged to be an emergency at which time the barrel can be removed immediately. To retrieve the barrel, the resident will have to pay a fine of \$50.00.

- H. Each resident may choose a rain barrel model from the Approved Products List or they may submit a model for approval. Any rain barrel model submitted for approval by the Board shall have the functional characteristics listed below in Section 4 or it will not be considered. Each resident shall purchase and retain ownership of the rain barrel.

2. **Diverter:**

- A. The resident shall pay a \$35 non-refundable fee for the Association's approved diverter. The diverter shall be a closed system with a leaf filter which fills the barrel through a feeder hose connection. (Currently the Fisker's Diverter **Pro** model has been approved).
- B. Only the Maintenance staff may install the diverter. The Association will pay for the labor required for the Maintenance staff to cut the downspout and install the diverter.
- C. If a resident moves out of the Association's property, the diverter will be forfeited. If a resident moves to another unit, the diverter may be moved by the maintenance staff upon approval of new routine permit at the new location.

3. **Routine Permit Application:** The unit owner shall submit a routine permit application for a rain barrel which will at a minimum include:

- A. A copy of the barrel model from the Approved Products List which will be installed.
- B. A plan sketch showing the location on the building where the unit owner is requesting a diverter installation.
- C. A statement saying they will put a minimum of 3 bricks in the bottom of the barrel to hold down empty barrels during high winds. (Typical barrels weigh about #20.)
- D. A statement saying they **will not drill, glue or damage the bricks in any way** to attach straps around the barrel with the intention of stabilizing it. Nothing should be installed by the unit owner which might pull on the bricks.
- E. **A statement saying the barrel will not be placed on top of a platform, concrete cinder blocks or any similar device to raise it off the ground.** (Raising the barrel affects its stability and the ability to tilt it to drain. A barrel may be placed on a layer of bricks to create a stable level surface provided it generally flush with the ground.)
- F. **Any other item required by the Routine Permit Application will be included even if that item is not listed here. (i.e., indemnity waiver, etc.)**

4. **Barrel:** Each resident shall purchase and retain ownership of the rain barrel. If the desired rain barrel is not on the Approved Products List, a non-routine change request must be submitted to the Board for approval. It must meet the following functional characteristics.

- A. The barrel will have a closed/sealed top. If the unit owner purchases a screened system he must show that it can be effectively sealed. He must also subsequently seal it or the permit will be revoked and the barrel confiscated.
- B. The barrel capacity shall be between 50 to 67 gallons.
- C. The barrel will have a minimum of one tap located within the bottom 4 inches so that water on the bottom can be drained and does not become stagnant. An optional second tap may be installed higher to use for filling a watering can.

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- D. **The barrel will have an overflow pipe or tap near the top back or top side for the feeder hose connection from the diverter.**
 - E. The barrel will be made of a durable plastic or wood unless an exception is approved by the Board for other materials.
 - F. The barrel shall have the ability to put a minimum of 3 bricks inside for stability.
 - G. The barrel style will also have to be aesthetically pleasing to the Covenants Committee members. No “pillow” style expandable rain collection systems will be allowed.
5. **Approved Products List – See attached.**

Rainbarrel Approved Products list

- The brand you choose is important – where you get them is not.
- The resident must meet all the criteria listed in policy.
- As you go down the list the relative price for the barrel increases from about \$100 to around \$240

Synopsis of functional characteristics (for details see Section 4 above of the Rainbarrel Specifications):

- Low level spigot/tap within 4” from bottom
- Need overflow valve at top for connections
- Ability (and agreement) to close up screen and completely seal
- 50 to 67 gallons.
- Durable plastic or wood
- Ability to put bricks inside
- If the resident purchases a model which includes the Association’s approved diverter he may apply for a refund upon inspection of the diverter.

Item 1 – Fiskars 5998 Salsa II 58 Gallon Rain Barrel with DiverterPro - Spice Granite - this model on Amazon is the most economical since it appears to include the required diverter.

Item 2 Fiskars Tuscany 57 gallon Rainwater harvesting system – can not use diverter since it’s an old model.

Item 3 – The Great American Rain Barrel – 60 gallons in green

Item 4 – Good Ideas Rain Wizard Darkened Rib 50 Gallon.
****** Must unscrew screen and seal with a durable plastic underneath****.**

Item 5 – Exaco ECO 67Wooden Round Rain Barrel - sealed

Item 6 – Casata Rainwater Urn, 65 gal.
*****Must lift top and screen to seal with durable plastic underneath***.**


See photos below

Item 1 – Fiskars 5998 Salsa II 58 Gallon Rain Barrel with DiverterPro - Spice Granite -


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Fiskars 5962 Rain Barrel DiverterPro Kit, Black
Buy new: ~~\$39.99~~ **\$34.50**
2 Used & new from **\$34.50**
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Fiskars 5998 Salsa II 58 Gallon Rain Barrel with DiverterPro - Spice Granite



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**Item 2 Fiskars Tuscany 57 gallon Rainwater harvesting system – may include old diverter
--- (can't use diverter)**

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Item 3 – The Great American Rain Barrel – 60 gallons in green – must seal holes or fill with soil and plants having very shallow root system (like some small sedums or mosses).



Item 4 – Good Ideas Rain Wizard Darkened Rib 50 Gallon. – Must unscrew screen and seal with a durable plastic underneath.

The screenshot shows the RainBarrelSource.com website. The main navigation bar includes categories like OUTDOOR, FURNITURE, HOME, BABY, KIDS, SPORTS, OPTICS, HOSTING, and MORE. The product page features a large image of the rain barrel, a 'Watch the VIDEO' button, and a 'BUYING INFO' section. The product is titled 'Good Ideas Rain Wizard Darkened Rib 50 Gallon Plastic Rain Barrel' with item number G1D034. The sale price is \$139.98, a 30% discount from the list price of \$199.99. The product has 4 ratings and is described as durable plastic resin construction, available in several colors with darkened bands, and resistant to rust, mold, mildew, and rotting. The page also includes a 'FREE SHIPPING' badge, an 'IN STOCK' status, and an 'ADD TO CART' button. A 'WHAT'S INCLUDED' section lists 'Rain barrel, Screen, Spigot'.



Item 5 – Exaco ECO 67 Wooden Round Rain Barrel - sealed

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Exaco ECO 67 Wooden Round Rain Barrel Item# EX011

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- Made of FSC-certified Canadian Spruce wood
- Wood is naturally preserved through Torrefaction process
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- Better for the environment

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Item 6 – Casata Rainwater Urn, 65 gal. Must lift top and screen to seal with durable plastic underneath.

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- Water enters
- Decorative lid
- Removeable top
- Screen guard
- Hook
- Overflow valve
- Garden hose with on/off nozzle
- Brass spigot
- Connector hole

Rainwater Urn, 65 Gallon

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Contemporary Rain Barrel Urn Holds 65 Gallons

This Rainwater Urn is a stylish, shapely alternative to traditional rain barrels. Made of UV-stable, scratch- and chip-resistant polyethylene, it has an appealing matte textured finish, quality spigot and 6-foot hose with shut-off valve. Removeable top has a recessed basin for stowing watering accessories or displaying a potted plant.

- A stylish way to collect free rainwater
- Conserve water and treat your plants
- Divert water from downspout to rain barrel using the [Downspout Diverter](#) (sold separately).
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Specifications at a Glance:

- Sturdy UV-stabilized polyethylene
- 20" top diameter x 45-1/2" H
- 25" diameter at widest point Holds 65 gallons
- Not for drinking water use
- Gardener's Supply Exclusive

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